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Impeaching Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense.

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Mr. RANGEL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Impeaching Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense.

1 *Resolved*, That Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of De-
2 fense is impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, and
3 that the following articles of impeachment be exhibited to
4 the Senate:

5 Articles of impeachment exhibited by the House
6 of Representatives of the United States of America
7 in the name of itself and of all of the people of the
8 United States of America, against Donald Rumsfeld,
9 Secretary of Defense, in maintenance and support of
10 its impeachment against him for high crimes and
11 misdemeanors.

ARTICLE I

Donald Rumsfeld, as Secretary of Defense, urged and oversaw the preemptive invasion and occupation of Iraq under the false premise that the United States was in imminent danger of attack from weapons of mass destruction and that Saddam Hussein was involved with al Qaeda in the September 11, 2001 attack against the United States.

In this Donald Rumsfeld acted in manner contrary to his trust as Secretary of Defense and through this malfeasance has offended and embarrassed the American people, undermined United States credibility around the world, and increased the danger to American troops and civilians around the world.

Wherefore, Donald Rumsfeld, by such conduct, warrants impeachment and trial, removal from office, and disqualification for any further office of profit or trust under the United States.

ARTICLE II

Donald Rumsfeld, as Secretary of Defense, directed the expenditure of funds in contradiction to appropriations as enacted by using funds appropriated for the action in Afghanistan to plan and develop plans for the invasion of Iraq.

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Donald Rumsfeld, as Secretary of Defense, ignored the recommendations of uniformed leaders at the Pentagon and sent American troops into war undermanned and under-equipped, thus undermining our military efforts in Iraq.

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19 world, and increased the danger to American troops and
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1 ARTICLE IV

2 Donald Rumsfeld, as Secretary of Defense, contrib-
3 uted to an atmosphere of lawlessness in the administration
4 of United States military prison facilities in Iraq by reject-
5 ing United States compliance with the Geneva Convention.

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7 to his trust as Secretary of Defense and through this mal-
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9 ple, undermined United States credibility around the
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14 disqualification for any further office of profit or trust
15 under the United States.

16 ARTICLE V

17 Donald Rumsfeld, as Secretary of Defense, abdicated
18 his role as the head of the United States military by allow-
19 ing the breakdown of discipline in the administration of
20 military prison facilities in Iraq, and by ignoring warnings
21 by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

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7 ARTICLE VI

8 Donald Rumsfeld, as Secretary of Defense, failed in
9 his responsibility to fully investigate and address the
10 breakdown of discipline and attendant atrocities at those
11 prison facilities.

12 In this Donald Rumsfeld acted in manner contrary
13 to his trust as Secretary of Defense and through this mal-
14 feasance has offended and embarrassed the American peo-
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16 world, and increased the danger to American troops and
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22 ARTICLE VII

23 Donald Rumsfeld, as Secretary of Defense, failed in
24 his responsibility to fully inform the President of atrocities

1 committed by United States troops at military prison fa-
2 cilities in Iraq.

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4 to his trust as Secretary of Defense and through this mal-
5 feasance has offended and embarrassed the American peo-
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13 ARTICLE VIII

14 Donald Rumsfeld, as Secretary of Defense, misled the
15 Congress and the American people of those atrocities by
16 seeking to suppress information about the misconduct.

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19 feasance has offended and embarrassed the American peo-
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3 ARTICLE IX

4 Donald Rumsfeld, as Secretary of Defense, through
5 his malfeasance as the leader of United States military
6 forces, is responsible for the atrocities committed by
7 United States troops in Iraq.

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